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Approval Letter: AOC Groupings

RE: Amerada Hess Corp- Former Port Reading Refinery
EPA ID No. NJD045445483
750 Cliff Road
Woodbridge Twp, Middlesex County
PI#: 006148

Dear Mr. Abdellatif,

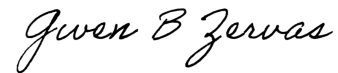
The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has completed a review of the AOC Groupings submitted July 9, 2021. The document was submitted pursuant to the Site Remediation Reform Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10C-1 et seq.), the Administrative Requirements for the Remediation of Contaminated Sites (N.J.A.C. 7:26C), and the NJDEP Technical Requirements for Site Remediation at N.J.A.C. 7:26E. The Department has determined that the report is in compliance with the Technical Requirements for Site Remediation, N.J.A.C. 7:26E and other applicable requirements. The Department hereby approves the document, effective the date of this letter.

The Department and EPA have identified the Arthur Kill River as needing further investigation. The Arthur Kill is not identified as an AOC thus not included in this submission. In an email dated July 12, 2021, Hess acknowledged the need for further investigation. The Arthur Kill will be addressed as an adjacent Environmentally Sensitive Natural Resource (ESNR) to the Site and potential impacts to the Arthur Kill will be investigated and addressed as part of the Remedial Investigation of several site AOCs pursuant to N.J.A.C.7:26E-4.8 and in accordance with the Ecological Evaluation Technical Guidance.

Nothing in this correspondence affects Hess' potential liability and obligations to the State Trustee, the Department, or its Commissioner regarding natural resource injuries, restoration, or damages.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, contact Julia Galayda at Julia.Galayda@dep.nj.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gwen B Zervas". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Gwen B. Zervas, P.E.
Section Chief

cc: Julia Galayda, Case Manager
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